

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification as amended below with replacement paragraphs shows added text with underlining and deleted text with ~~striketrough~~.

Please REPLACE the paragraph beginning at page 17, line 24, with the following paragraph:

According to FIG. 7, the operation mode of the coordinate detection device is determined based on the off-contact time during which an input means such as a pen or a finger does not contact the surface of the coordinate input panel. For example, when a pen or a finger is detached from the surface of the coordinate input panel between previous and current input operations during a series of input operations, the off-contact time is often shorter in this case than is required to switch the operations of the coordinate detection device so that the coordinate detection device can be used, for example, as a pointing device. Therefore, the off-contact time is compared with a predetermined time T_1 to determine an appropriate mode for the series of operations. In step S34, it is determined whether the off-contact time is equal to or shorter than the predetermined time T_1 . If the result of step S34 is "NO", that is, the off-contact time is longer than the predetermined time T_1 , it is determined that the current input operation is performed as an operation of, for example, a pointing device, and the process goes to step S35, in which the first mode is set. If the result of step S34 is "YES", that is, the off-contact time is longer shorter than or equal to the predetermined time T_1 , the process goes to step S36, in which the second mode or the absolute coordinate value mode is set.